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**CONFERENCE OF MILL MEN**  
 Northern Combine Representatives in Meeting With California Dealers Today.

**WANT AGREEMENT EXTENDED**  
 Existing Pool Ends January 1 and if Not Renewed Bitter Lumber War Will Unquestionably Ensnare on Coast.  
 San Francisco, Dec. 22.—A committee composed of E. A. Skinner, of Port Blakeley, and Richard Alexander and E. L. McCormick, of Portland, representing the Pacific Coast Lumberman, as the export combine of the mills of Oregon, Washington, and California is known, has arrived here to confer with the local lumbermen, with a view towards settling a number of differences which exist between them and the combine.  
 The existing agreement between the local mills and the combine expires on the first day of the new year, and if it is intended to renew it a modification of certain provisions ranked as unfavorable by the mill men of this city must, it is said, be effected.  
 If the conference now about to take place fails of its purpose, it is expected that a lively war will develop among the exporters of the coast. The latter have been selling at a basic rate of \$14 and a dissolution of the present combine will, it is said, knock this price several points lower, and, it is said, will demoralize the export trade in so far as the millmen are concerned.  
 The committee from the north has just held a short conference with the local exporters, but no progress was made toward settlement of existing differences. Today's meeting, however, it is expected will be more productive of results.

**Bold Robbers Are Beaten Off**  
 Men Attempt to Hold Up Chicago Street Car, but Are Handled in Rough Manner.  
 Chicago, Dec. 22.—Two highwaymen held up an Evanston avenue electric car early this morning, but met with so warm a reception from the car crew and Deputy Sheriff Albert Tempke that they fled without having secured any booty.  
 The car was attacked within two blocks of the town hall police station and the score of passengers were thrown into a panic.  
 One of the highwaymen stood in the middle of the track when the car was half a block away and signalled for it to stop. When the footpad boarded the front end of the car, Paul Jenkins, the motorman, saw a revolver in the man's hand. The motorman jerked the crank from his brake and struck the robber on the head, knocking him from the car and felling him to the street.  
 At the same time the second thief got on the rear platform of the car, drew a revolver and pointed it at the head of Deputy Sheriff Tempke. The officer saw the movement and struck the robber a blow on the face, stagger-

ing him. Conductor Savage followed up the advantage thus gained by shoving the man off the platform. Both men escaped.  
**BASE BALL FOR FRESNO.**  
 Games to Be Played There During Rainy Season in North.  
 Fresno, Cal., Dec. 22.—Mike Fisher, the baseball magnate, arrived here tonight to close his lease for the Fresno baseball park and to make arrangements for games to be played in this city next season by the teams of the Pacific coast league. There will be no Fresno team, but, on account of the rainy weather in the north in the early part of the season, another town is necessary and Fresno is deemed the most profitable field available. He stated further that he is making an effort to sign Frank Chance, first baseman and captain of the Chicago National team.  
**Dr. Pilkington Files Report**  
 City Physician Shows that Scarlet Fever Is on Decrease, While Many Have Measles.  
 City Physician Pilkington has filed a report that shows the development of 17 cases of measles and two cases of scarlet fever since his last report. The scarlet fever cases being both of one family necessitates but a single quarantine. The report follows:  
 "Since my last report I have placed quarantine only on one house for scarlet fever, that of Andrew Mattson, Alameda avenue, where two children are sick with the disease. Unless new cases develop I expect to have the quarantine for scarlet fever raised on all houses except this one by the end of the week.  
 "I have quarantined the following houses for measles since my last report:  
 "D. P. Ross, 333 Irving avenue, six cases; J. W. McMullen, Fourth street one case and more to come; H. Duncan, 426 Duane street, three cases; Mr. Hall, Bond street, one case and more to come; Mr. Slade, 63 Bond street, one case; Mr. Slade, 63 Bond Lincoln street, one case; Mr. Souden, Seventh and Niagara, one case and more to come; Capt. Babbidge, Tenth and Grand, one new case; David Hood, Franklin between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, one case; William Werther, 218 Commercial street, one case; total, 17 cases already developed. Some of the cases are large and a number of other cases in the same houses will undoubtedly develop."  
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